

# Expanding the Clean Energy Standard

## Instructions for Providing Input

### February 2019

On February 20, 2019, MassDEP posted a new stakeholder document describing options for expanding the Clean Energy Standard (CES). The following information is intended for stakeholders who wish to provide input. All referenced documents are posted on MassDEP's CES web page at <https://www.mass.gov/guides/clean-energy-standard-310-cmr-775>.

#### Participating in the Stakeholder Process

Stakeholder meetings will be held at MassDEP's Boston and Worcester offices:

Thursday, March 14, at MassDEP's Worcester Office

- 1:00 PM - CES Background; Increasing the stringency of the CES
- 1:30 PM - The "CES-E"
- 2:00 PM - Applying the CES to municipally-owned utilities

Tuesday, March 19, at MassDEP's Boston Office

- 1:00 PM - CES Background; Increasing the stringency of the CES
- 2:00 PM - The "CES-E"
- 3:00 PM - Applying the CES to municipally-owned utilities

Please RSVP at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2JSTDBB>

- Comments may be submitted until March 29, and should be submitted by email to [climate.strategies@mass.gov](mailto:climate.strategies@mass.gov).
- Questions may also be emailed to [climate.strategies@mass.gov](mailto:climate.strategies@mass.gov). If you would like to speak to MassDEP staff, please include instructions for reaching you by telephone. You can also ask to be added to our CES stakeholder list if you are not already on it.
- Relevant comments received in 2017 remain posted on the CES web page so that commenters may reference them in comments submitted this March.
- Directions to MassDEP's offices are available at <https://www.mass.gov/locations/massdep-central-regional-office> and <https://www.mass.gov/locations/massdep-boston-office>

#### Learning more about options for expanding the CES

- At the stakeholder meetings in mid-March, MassDEP staff will explain the rationale and options for expanding the CES, pose questions for stakeholder input, answer questions, and receive oral comments. Slides will be posted on the CES web page and will include questions for stakeholder input.
- Additional background is available on the CES web page, including:

- A simple fact sheet that summarizes current CES regulatory requirements.
- A link to MassDEP air pollution regulations. See 310 CMR 7.75 for the text of the CES regulation.
- Information considered in late 2017 as part of the review of options for expanding the CES required by 310 CMR 7.75(10). In particular, the 2017 Stakeholder Document describes the rationale for considering whether to expand the CES.
- Other rulemaking documents, such as background documents and response to comments documents.

#### Next Steps

- After considering stakeholder comments, MassDEP may seek additional stakeholder input to refine specific options, or may propose regulatory amendments to expand the CES. Either approach will allow for additional stakeholder input before any changes are finalized.